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DANIEL RAND IS IRON FIST, KUNG-FU DEFENDER OF THE INNOCENT. LUKE CAGE, SOMETIMES CALLED POWER MAN, HAS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH AND DURABILITY. HE'S BEEN AN AVENGER, AND IS NOW A HUSBAND AND FATHER. THEY ARE THE HEROES FOR HIRE.

EARTH'S HEROES PREVENTED A CATACLYSMIC EVENT THANKS TO AN INHUMAN WHO SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO PREDICT THE FUTURE. ACTING ON HIS VISIONS, CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS SAVED LIVES, BUT NOT WITHOUT TERRIBLE COSTS. AS TENSIONS RISE, EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPIONS MUST MAKE A CHOICE: PROTECT THE FUTURE...OR CHANGE IT?

LUKE AND DANNY CHOSE NOT TO FIGHT THEIR FRIENDS. BUT THE BATTLE OVER PREDICTIVE JUSTICE CAME TO THEM IN THE FORM OF PREEMPTIVE STRIKE: A GROUP OF VIGILANTES HUNTING ANYONE WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD. SOME OF THEIR TARGETS AND THEIR TARGETS' FAMILIES WERE LOOKING FOR HELP AT H4H HEADQUARTERS WHEN PREEMPTIVE STRIKE, THEN THE POLICE, BUSTED IN. LUKE WAS PULLED AWAY AND ESCAPED, BUT DANNY KICKED A CLIENT FREE FROM AN OFFICER'S HOLD, AND WAS TAKEN IN.

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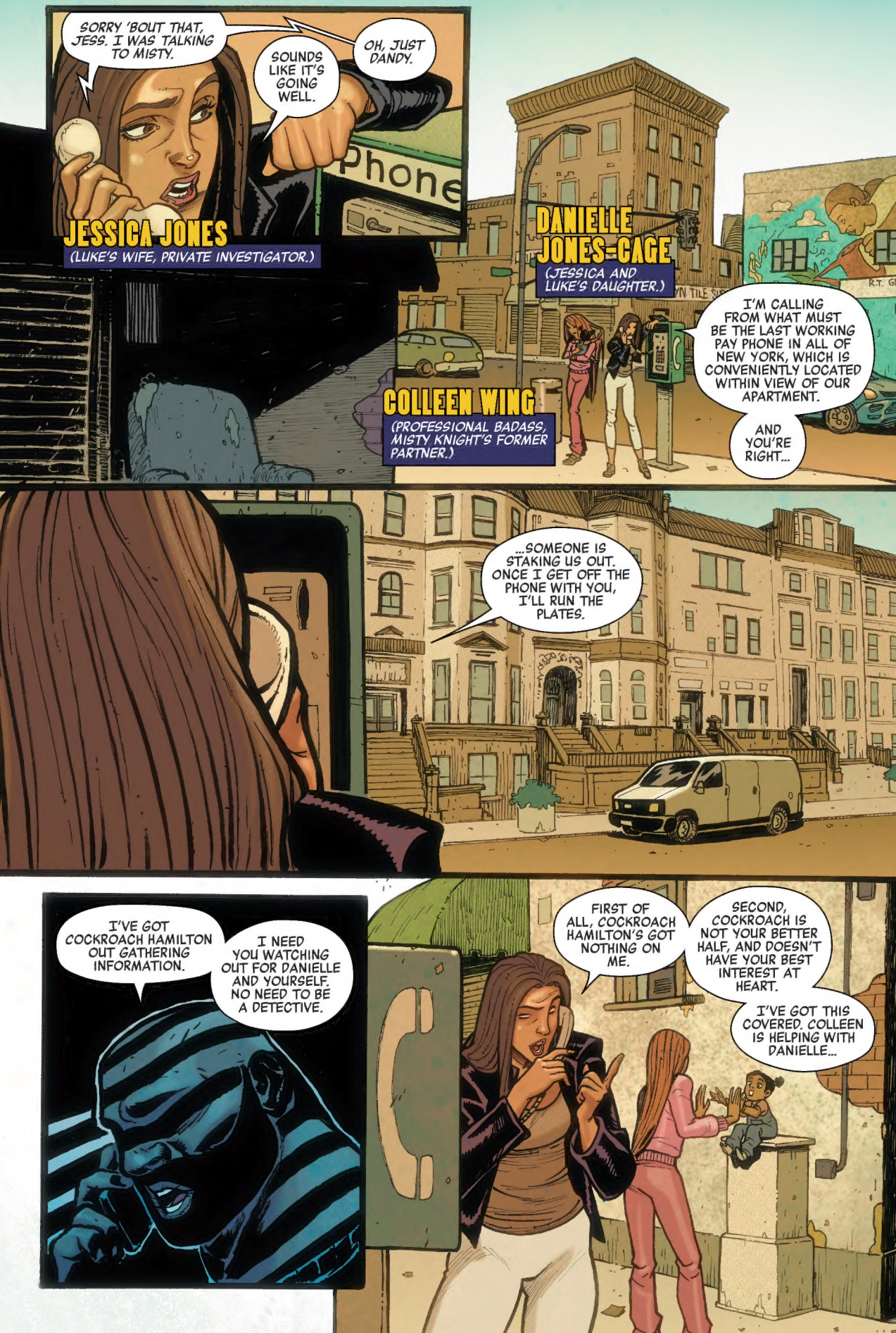
DANNY "IRON FIST" RAND
(SUPER HERO, CURRENTLY IN JAIL, AWAITING TRIAL DATE.)
...I APPRECIATE YOU REACHING OUT TO ME, BUT, DANNY, I'M NOT THE PERSON YOU NEEDED TO CALL.
I CAN'T CALL LUKE. HE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
MISTY KNIGHT
(DANNY'S EX-GIRLFRIEND.)
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
YOU'RE FACING CHARGES FOR ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER. WITH YOUR POWERS, THAT'S GOING TO BE BUMPED UP TO ATTEMPTED MURDER.
NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR YOU TO STAND BY SOME HONORABLE CONVICTIONS OF ATONEMENT THAT GOT BEATEN INTO YOU BACK IN K'UN LUN.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M DOING...
THEN WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT KIND OF MORAL STAND ARE YOU TAKING THIS TIME?
WHAT POINT ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVE TO YOURSELF? OR TO LUKE? OR TO ME?
BECAUSE WHATEVER STATEMENT YOU THINK THIS IS MAKING...YOU'RE NOT MAKING IT.
YOU'RE GOING TO PRISON, DANNY.
WITH YOUR PAST--WITH THE ENEMIES YOU'VE MADE--YOU'LL BE A WALKING TARGET. IF YOU'RE LUCKY, YOU'LL BE HELD IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. AND TO BE CLEAR, THAT'S NOT A GOOD THING, EITHER.
"IS THAT IT? DID HE SAY ANYTHING ELSE..."

DECOMMISSIONED S.H.I.E.L.D. SAFE HOUSE.
...LIKE WHY HE CALLED YOU AND NOT ME?
IF YOU WERE HIM, WOULD YOU CALL YOU?
YES.
NO.
I DON'T KNOW.
AT HIS BEST, NO ONE CAN COMPARE TO DANNY. BUT AT HIS...MOST CHALLENGING...WELL...YOU KNOW HIM AS WELL AS I DO.
THIS ISN'T THE DANNY THAT I LOVED. THIS IS THE DANNY I BROKE UP WITH--THE SILENT ONE, WHO BECOMES EMOTIONALLY CLOSED OFF AND TURNS INTO A TICKING TIME BOMB.
I'M NOT LETTING HIM DO THIS.
STOP RIGHT THERE.
WHATEVER YOU'RE ABOUT TO SAY, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.
JUST HEAR ME OUT...

NO. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT COOKING WITH THESE FOLKS...
...AND I DON'T WANT TO KNOW. THERE'S SOME HEAVY THINGS GOING DOWN RIGHT NOW, LUKE.
PEOPLE ARE TAKING SIDES, JUST LIKE LAST TIME... AND YOU AND I, WE DIDN'T SEE EYE-TO-EYE THEN.
THIS ISN'T ABOUT US AGREEING OR DISAGREEING OVER WHATEVER IT IS CAROL AND TONY ARE FIGHTING OVER--
UNTIL IT IS ABOUT THAT.
GOOD LUCK WITH WHATEVER CRAZY THING YOU DECIDE TO DO. I LOVE YOU BOTH...
MISTY, HOLD UP A SECOND.
BZZT BZZT BZZT
...BUT I CAN'T HELP YOU.
JUST WAIT ONE KNICK-KNACK-PADDY-WHACKIN' MINUTE.
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY TO ME?

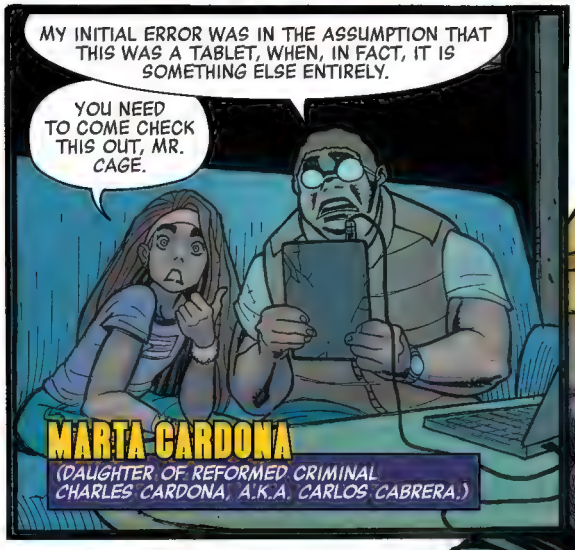

SORRY 'BOUT THAT, JESS. I WAS TALKING TO MISTY.
SOUNDS LIKE IT'S GOING WELL.
OH, JUST DANDY.
Phone
JESSICA JONES
(LUKE'S WIFE, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR.)
DANIELLE JONES-CAGE
(JESSICA AND LUKE'S DAUGHTER.)
COLLEEN WING
(PROFESSIONAL BADASS, MISTY KNIGHT'S FORMER PARTNER.)
I'M CALLING FROM WHAT MUST BE THE LAST WORKING PAY PHONE IN ALL OF NEW YORK, WHICH IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED WITHIN VIEW OF OUR APARTMENT.
AND YOU'RE RIGHT...
...SOMEONE IS STAKING US OUT. ONCE I GET OFF THE PHONE WITH YOU, I'LL RUN THE PLATES.
I'VE GOT COCKROACH HAMILTON OUT GATHERING INFORMATION.
I NEED YOU WATCHING OUT FOR DANIELLE AND YOURSELF. NO NEED TO BE A DETECTIVE.
FIRST OF ALL, COCKROACH HAMILTON'S GOT NOTHING ON ME.
SECOND, COCKROACH IS NOT YOUR BETTER HALF, AND DOESN'T HAVE YOUR BEST INTEREST AT HEART.
I'VE GOT THIS COVERED. COLLEEN IS HELPING WITH DANIELLE...

"...AND LIN AND LOTUS ARE HELPING WITH RECON AND SURVEILLANCE."
YEAH, MORE. GIVE ME THAT REAL UPTOWN FLAVOR!
LOTUS SHINCHUKO
(FORMER TOKEN FEMALE MEMBER OF SONS OF THE TIGER.)
LIN SUN
(FORMER MEMBER OF SONS OF THE TIGER.)
"IN ABOUT FIFTEEN SECONDS THEY'LL HAVE PHOTOS OF WHOEVER IS IN THE VAN..."
...AND THEN I'LL GET TO WORK.
WE'LL FIGURE OUT WHO THESE #&%@*$ ARE.
THIS IS ALL PART OF WHY I LOVE YOU, JESSICA JONES. BUT PLEASE, BE CAREFUL. I NEED TO KNOW THAT YOU AND DANIELLE ARE SAFE.
I CAN'T BE WORRYIN' ABOUT THE TWO OF YOU AND DANNY AT THE SAME TIME.
"NOT TO BE RUDE..."

...BUT CAN'T YOU JUST BUST OUT OF THIS PLACE?
I COULD. BUT THAT'LL JUST MAKE A BAD SITUATION WORSE.
AND WE STILL NEED TO FIND YOUR FATHER, AND CHARLES CARDONA, AND WHOEVER ELSE IS LOCKED UP IN HERE FOR NO REASON.
"LITTLE" BEN DONOVAN
(HONEST CITIZEN, WRONGFULLY INCARCERATED, SON OF REFORMED CRIMINAL "BIG" BEN DONOVAN.)
SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE BLEEDING-HEART LIBERAL WITH A SILVER SPOON IN HIS MOUTH.
LEMME TELL YOU SOMETHING-- YOU BEEN MADE BY AT LEAST HALF A DOZEN CATS. WORD ON MY TIER IS THERE'S ALREADY A PRICE ON YOUR HEAD.
JASPER "SPEAR" DANIELS
(ACTIVE CRIMINAL.)
SOMETHING'S GOING ON. THERE'S AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE AT THIS TABLE THAT DON'T BELONG HERE RIGHT NOW, AND I'M NOT ONE OF THEM.
SOMEONE'S OUT THERE HUNTING REFORMED CRIMINALS LIKE BEN'S FATHER AND YOUR BROTHER AND MAKING SURE THEY END UP IN PRISON.
YEAH, THAT'S CALLED THE AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. PEOPLE LIKE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IT 'CAUSE YOU CAN BUY YOUR WAY OUT.
TAKE IT EASY, LITTLE BROTHER.
SHADRICK "MANGLER" DANIELS
(REFORMED CRIMINAL, WRONGFULLY INCARCERATED, BROTHER OF JASPER.)
BUYING MY WAY OUT WON'T TAKE CARE OF THIS PROBLEM.

WE NEED TO FACE IT, CAGE AIN'T COMIN' BACK HERE. MAYBE HE'S FIGURED OUT WHAT WE'RE DOING.
I DOUBT IT.
BUT IF HE HAS FIGURED IT OUT, IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, DUMBASS...
...YOU DROPPED THE AGNITUS.
ARTIE SIGMUND
(BOUNTY HUNTER/VIGILANTE.)
ISADORE DUDLEY
(EX-COP/BOUNTY HUNTER/VIGILANTE.)
"I KNOW I DROPPED IT. YOU KEEP REMINDING ME. KNOW WHAT ELSE I KNOW?"
I KNOW THAT IT BROKE. I SAW IT BREAK.
AND BECAUSE I SAW IT BREAK, I KNOW IT'S BROKE, SO I KNOW IT DOESN'T WORK, WHICH MEANS THERE'S NO WAY CAGE CAN KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING.
YOU DROPPED A PROTOTYPE WORTH MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, SAW IT BREAK, AND SOMEHOW YOU THINK I SHOULD TAKE COMFORT IN ANY OF THIS?!
EVEN IF IT *IS* BROKEN, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT CAN'T END UP BITING US IN THE ASS.
"AND MAYBE BEIN' BITTEN ON THE ASS IS YOUR THING, BUT I FIND IT PAINFUL. I TRY TO AVOID CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE IT MIGHT HAPPEN."
FOR MY SAKE, YOUR SAKE, AND THE SAKE OF ALL THE PEOPLE WE WORK WITH, YOU BETTER PRAY THE AGNITUS IS REALLY BROKEN.
"HEY! I FIXED IT!"

YOU SURE ABOUT THAT, GADGET?
INDUBITABLY.
TENDER BUT TOUGH
GADGET
(A.K.A. GADGET-MAN, ALL-AROUND COMPUTER/ ELECTRONICS GENIUS.)


MY INITIAL ERROR WAS IN THE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS WAS A TABLET, WHEN, IN FACT, IT IS SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY.
YOU NEED TO COME CHECK THIS OUT, MR. CAGE.
MARTA CARDONA
(DAUGHTER OF REFORMED CRIMINAL CHARLES CARDONA, A.K.A. CARLOS CABRERA.)

IF THIS THING AIN'T A TABLET, WHAT IS IT?
ADMITTEDLY, IT LOOKS LIKE A TABLET, AND FUNCTIONS IN MUCH THE SAME WAY IN THAT IT SENDS AND RECEIVES INFORMATION...
...BUT THIS THING IS DESIGNED TO RUN ONLY ONE SPECIFIC PIECE OF SOFTWARE.

I'M REBOOTING THE SOFTWARE NOW.
AGNITUS
INITIALIZING

AGNITUS. I KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS-- I LEARNED IT IN MY LATIN CLASS. IT MEANS "RECOGNITION."
OKAY. BUT WHAT IS THIS THING?

RIGHT NOW IT APPEARS TO BE RUNNING SOME KIND OF FACIAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM.
THIS THING CAN IDENTIFY ME BY MY FACE?
SURE. ALL THE SOCIAL MEDIA SITES HAVE FACIAL RECOGNITION.
THIS IS MORE SOPHISTICATED THAN ANYTHING I'VE SEEN BEFORE. IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S...UM...
...THIS THING IS ACCESSING YOUR ENTIRE CRIMINAL RECORD.
NOT POSSIBLE.
I DON'T HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD. IT'S BEEN EXPUNGED.
NOT ACCORDING TO THE SOFTWARE THAT THING IS RUNNING.
ACCORDING TO THIS, YOU'RE STILL AN ESCAPED FELON.

"I'VE PUT IN A TRANSFER REQUEST TO HAVE YOU MOVED TO A DIFFERENT FACILITY. WE DON'T NEED THE KIND OF TROUBLE YOUR PRESENCE BRINGS, RAND..."

...YOUR IDENTITY AS IRON FIST IS KNOWN TO ENOUGH INMATES THAT I SIMPLY CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES.

I'M RUNNING A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AND I DON'T WANT IT TURNING INTO SOMETHING FROM A VAN DAMME MOVIE.

HAVING YOU HERE IS DANGEROUS-- FOR YOU, FOR THE STAFF, AND EVEN FOR THE OTHER INMATES.

I'LL BE FINE, WARDEN PIKE.

I BELIEVE IN THE SYSTEM, AND YOU'D BE SURPRISED AT HOW GOOD I AM AT AVOIDING TROUBLE.

THERE'S NO NEED TO TRANSFER ME.

IF THAT'S YOUR CHOICE, RAND...

"THIS IS YOUR CHOICE..."

THAT'S MY CHOICE.

K'UN LUN. MANY YEARS AGO...

MY CHOICE?

YES, DANIEL, YOUR CHOICE.

YOU ARE READY FOR THE NEXT LEVEL OF TRAINING, BUT YOU MUST CHOOSE TO GO FORWARD.

WE CALL THIS PLACE *RAKSASA KO JELA*...

...THE PRISON OF DEMONS.

WHY DO I NEED TO GO INTO A PLACE FULL OF DEMONS?

THE WARRIOR THAT CANNOT DEFEAT HIS DEMONS WILL NEVER KNOW VICTORY.

DEFEAT THE DEMONS THAT DWELL WITHIN AND YOU WILL GO FREE.

BUT BE WARNED, DANIEL. IF THE DEMONS DEFEAT YOU, THIS IS TO BE YOUR NEW HOME.

BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN TRAINED FOR ANYTHING LIKE THIS. I CAN'T FIGHT *DEMONS*.

THIS IS TRUE. I WILL TELL YOU THIS NOW...

...ONE CANNOT TRAIN TO FIGHT DEMONS.

WHAT KIND OF DEMONS MUST I FACE?

THOSE THAT KNOW YOU BEST...

"...THOSE THAT ONLY YOU CAN CONFRONT...

"...AND ONLY YOU CAN DEFEAT."

WU-TAH!
I'M NOT AFRAID!
COME TO ME, MY SON...
THE DEMONS...I HAVE DEFEATED THEM...
NO! YOU'RE NOT MY FATHER!
"I KNOW, IT FEELS LIKE THE WORLD IS FALLING APART. I NEED YOU TO LISTEN TO ME..."

...ARE YOU LISTENING?
YEAH, I'M LISTENING.
I CAN HEAR IT IN YOUR VOICE, SWEETIE...
...YOU'RE FRUSTRATED AND ANGRY. AND WE BOTH KNOW THAT YOU DON'T ALWAYS THINK CLEARLY WHEN YOU'RE FRUSTRATED AND ANGRY.
I NEED YOU THINKING CLEARLY. DANIELLE NEEDS HER PAPA THINKING CLEARLY.
YOU HEAR ME?
YEAH...
...IT'S JUST THAT...I DON'T KNOW.
MAYBE IF ME AND DANNY HADN'T GOTTEN BACK TOGETHER...
STOP RIGHT THERE, LUKE CAGE. THE CRACKS IN YOUR ARMOR ARE STARTING TO SHOW, AND THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR THAT.
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU AND DANNY GETTING BACK TOGETHER.
I KEEP GOING OVER IT IN MY MIND.
THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENS...YOU START OVERTHINKING, AND DOUBTING, AND FEELING GUILT AND SHAME, WHICH LEADS TO FRUSTRATION AND ANGER.
YOU ARE NOT DOING ANY OF THAT. YOU ARE THINKING CLEARLY. I AM THINKING CLEARLY. THIS IS WHAT WE BOTH NEED TO DO.
NOW, SAY IT WITH ME...
I AM THINKING CLEARLY. I AM A @#$%& SUPER HERO, AND I THINK CLEARLY.

OKAY. NOW LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS...
I MANAGED TO I.D. ONE OF THE CREEPS STAKING OUT OUR APARTMENT.
HOW BAD IS IT?
THE GOOD NEWS IS HE ISN'T WITH HYDRA, SO...YOU KNOW THERE'S THE BRIGHT SIDE.
HE'S EX-NYPD. LEFT THE FORCE TO PURSUE A CAREER AS A BOUNTY HUNTER, WHICH MEANS HE WAS PROBABLY FIRED.
I'LL SEND YOU EVERYTHING I HAVE ON HIM.
I LOVE YOU, WOMAN.
YOU TAKIN' DANIELLE AND DOING THAT THING WE'VE TALKED ABOUT?
JUST LIKE WE'VE ALWAYS PLANNED. COLLEEN IS GOING WITH US AND WE'LL BE AT THAT PLACE BY THE THING WE WENT TO THAT ONE TIME.
I'LL COME GET YOU WHEN THIS IS OVER AND DONE. LOVE TO YOU AND DANIELLE.
LOVE YOU, TOO, SWEETIE.
ANY LUCK FIGURING OUT WHO DESIGNED THIS SOFTWARE AND WHY?
NOT YET. SORRY.
I HOPE THE OTHERS ARE DOING BETTER THAN US.
"YOU GOT SOME PAIR ON YOU TO BE SHOWIN' UP HERE..."

...EVERYONE KNOWS YOU DONE TURNED SNITCH. EVEN HEARD YOU WAS WORKIN' FOR LUKE CAGE.
YEAH.
YEAH.
NOW YOU ROLL UP IN HERE LIKE YOU GARFUNKEL TRYIN' TO GET BACK WITH SIMON.
IT DON'T WORK THAT WAY, DONTRELL.
YEAH.
RAYMOND "PIRANHA" JONES
(LOW-LEVEL CRIME BOSS.)
CLETUS "DISCO DEVIL" EVANS
(REFORMED CRIMINAL, IN OVER HIS HEAD.)
I AIN'T NO SNITCH AND YOU KNOW IT. I DEAL IN INFORMATION AND MAYHEM.
NOW, I COME LOOKIN' FOR INFORMATION, BUT YOU KEEP TALKIN' THAT MESS, I'M PREPARED TO DELIVER SOME MAYHEM.
DONTRELL "COCKROACH" HAMILTON
(CRIMINAL, SNITCH, GENERALLY UNTRUSTWORTHY.)
WHA'CHU WANT?
MAYBE YOU HEARD--BUNCHA FOLKS MISSIN'.
SOMEONE BEEN MESSIN' WITH BALLERS THAT GONE LEGIT--BIG BEN DONOVAN, MANGLER DANIELS, THAT PUERTO RICAN DUDE USED TO DRESS LIKE A CHICKEN...
UM, YEAH... PUERTO RICAN DUDE IS CARLOS CABRERA. USED TO GO BY GAMECOCK.
THAT'S RIGHT. GAMECOCK...
...THANKS FOR THE INFO, PLAYA-PLAYA.
NOW, Y'ALL KNOW THE RULES--EVEN IF YOU GO STRAIGHT, YOU STILL PART OF THE GAME.
WAY I SEE IT, SOMEONE'S GOT MANGLER DANIELS ON A LIST, AND SOME DUDE DRESSES UP LIKE A CHICKEN--
GAMECOCK.
--THEN IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE US REAL BALLERS END UP ON THAT SAME LIST.
AND JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR... I AIN'T WORKIN' WITH OR FOR THAT SUCKER, LUKE CAGE.
HE WORKS FOR ME--DONTRELL HAMILTON. HE'S HELPIN' ME DO RIGHT BY MY PEOPLE. YOU FEEL ME?
NOW, WHO'S GOT INFORMATION?

RYKERS ISLAND
HOW YOU HOLDING UP, BEN?
ALL THINGS CONSIDERED...WITH MY DAD'S REP, NO ONE IS MESSING WITH ME.
BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHERE HE IS.
I'M TELLIN' YOU, THAT'S IRON FIST.
LOOK WHO I FOUND--CARLOS CABRERA.
I DON'T GO BY THAT ANYMORE. I'M CHARLES NOW. TELL ME...
...YOU'VE SEEN MY DAUGHTER?
YEAH. SHE HIRED ME AND MY PARTNER TO FIND YOU.
UM, I HATE TO INTERRUPT...
...BUT I THINK WE'RE IN TROUBLE, MR. RAND.

KNEW IT WAS YOU.
MR. RAND...
IT'S OKAY. STAY CLOSE, BUT KEEP OUT OF MY WAY.
SHOULD WE BE WORRIED?
NO...
2H4LL
...THEY'RE THE ONES THAT NEED TO WORRY.
"YOU'RE CRAZY. YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?"

I MAY JUST BE A KID, BUT I'M SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW THIS IS A BAD IDEA.
THE KID IS RIGHT, PLAYA. THIS IS A BAAAD IDEA. AND I DON'T MEAN BAD LIKE BAD IS GOOD, I MEAN...WELL, YOU KNOW.
CHECK IT OUT...
...MY BEST FRIEND IS LOCKED UP. I CAN'T STAND AROUND AND DO NOTHING ABOUT IT.
"I AIN'T SAYIN' YOU STAND AROUND AND DO NOTHIN'..."
...BUT WE'RE TALKIN' ABOUT THE J-O-I-N-T. THE BING. THE SLAMS.
YOU CAN'T JUST ROLL UP AND BE ALL LIKE, "I'M TAKIN' MY BOY HOME, FOOLS."
GOTTA HAVE A PLAN.
"A PLAN?"

I'VE GOT A PLAN.
AND YOU BEST BELIEVE THAT...
"...'CAUSE AIN'T NO WAY I'M LEAVIN' MY PARTNER IN PRISON."
TIME TO GET TO WORK.
"TELL THEM WHAT YOU SAW."

LUKE CAGE...POWER MAN...LEADING A JAIL-BREAK AT RYKER'S PRISON.
ULYSSES
ALL RIGHT, CREW. YOU HEARD ULYSSES...
CAPTAIN MARVEL
DEATHLOK
MOCKINGBIRD
STORM
...LET'S GO STOP A JAIL-BREAK.
SPECTRUM
PUCK
TO BE CONTINUED...

LUKE LETTERS & DANNY DIATRIBES

Hello, Luke Lovers and Danny Devotees! Our intrepid David Walker is in the midst of San Diego Comic-Con, so I'll be taking over the letter column for this month. Without further ado, to your letters!

Marvel,

I didn't have a favorite "team-up" until I read THE IMMORTAL IRON FIST series and fell in love with both Luke and Danny. Since then, I have been on the lookout for all things Iron Fist. I am a martial artist who relates to Danny, and I even got a chance to play Iron Fist at a local cosplay convention. This book is solid with art and story blending into a title that I hope is long-lasting. Plus, I really like that it is a follow-up to the Victor Alvarez and Danny miniseries. Really, guys…thank you! I hope the on-screen chemistry between these characters in the Netflix show is as natural and lovable as your team has portrayed it. You keep writing, and I will keep reading.

Levi Landry

Levi, we're glad you're digging the book, and I love that you're cosplaying as Danny! That's awesome! Seeing people invest all that time and energy into cosplaying characters we work on is such an incredible thrill and honor. I'm hoping to see some awesome POWER MAN AND IRON FIST cosplay at the New York Comic Con this year, so if any of you out there are planning on being Luke or Danny, or Señor Mágico or Black Mariah or Cockroach Hamilton or any of our awesome cast (PLEEEEASE someone cosplay as Cockroach Hamilton), make sure you find me!

This is my new favorite series! Danny and Luke are the best team-up since peanut butter and jelly! They should also team up with Ant-Man and his crew--that would be awesome!

Carson
Jacksonville, FL

I eat PB&J nearly every day at work for lunch, and whenever someone comments on it, I reply "It's a classic for a reason!" Same thing with PM&IF! No plans for an ANT-MAN crossover, but that WOULD be pretty fun! Did you check out their "team-up" with Deadpool in DEADPOOL #13? If not, check it out! It's a crazy fun oversized issue, part of which was written by our own David Walker!

Dear Marvel,

I am glad that these two dudes are sharing a book once more. Last year, I purchased an old POWER MAN AND IRON FIST comic and was pleasantly surprised by how good it was. This new book is very fun, and I love the chemistry between Luke and Danny. However, I would like to see Danny be less of a comic relief the entire time. I really like how Luke can't swear anymore. That's fiddle-faddlin' hilarious!

My introduction to Iron Fist was the IMMORTAL IRON FIST, which is one of my favorite books ever! I would like to see some ties back into that book, maybe some immortal weapons! My brother would love to see some more Fat Cobra! You put Fat Cobra in an issue, you will sell at least one more book because my brother can't not buy that book.

Thanks for the fun issues so far! Can't wait to read more!

Sincerely,
Matt Webster

As you can see, Matt, things are getting a bit more serious for Danny. That IMMORTAL IRON FIST run is pretty darn spectacular, and set a crazy high bar for Iron Fist stories! Cool that you were checking in on some of the older issues as well, some of those Marvel Bronze Age stories are incredible! And I'll tell you, I LOVE Fat Cobra. No plans for him as of yet, but at the very least let your brother know he has great taste!

Dear Marvel,

I agree with another reader that more Jessica Jones would be great. Luke and Jessica have great chemistry just like Luke and Danny. Jessica and Luke both speak their minds—in fact, I don't know how they stay together, but they make it work. It's great to see a dude who isn't always saying, "Yes, dear…okay, dear." He is one of my favorites because of it. I speak my mind as well, with everyone, even my wife—it's probably why I'm in the dog house a lot, but that's how I roll. Keep up the great work, and until Doctor Strange stops being a "pendejo," Make Mine Marvel! (I had to go old-school on your %$#@s.)

I love that Luke and Jessica relationship, and I think David writes the two of them incredibly well. As a married man whose wife frequently talks him off of ledges, I thought their moments in this issue were particularly beautiful. Hopefully you did, too!

I have to tell you how great it is to see these two back in their OWN book, using their OWN title moniker. I was 10 years old when the first volume starring these two was canceled in 1986. It was OK that they were still being used in the Marvel Universe through various titles like MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS, or Iron Fist costarring in the early 1990s' NAMOR, THE SUB-MARINER series, along with Cage having his own short-lived series in the early 1990s as well. I enjoyed seeing them in the NEW AVENGERS series…now I am 40 years old, and I am once again getting to finally see these two starring in their OWN comic again. This is great moment. Thank you to the "powers that be" at Marvel for making this happen again!! I will look forward to the many future issues to come!

Elius

Elius, we are more than happy to oblige, there's lots more incredible POWER MAN AND IRON FIST heading your way!

Hey,

Really loving the POWER MAN AND IRON FIST run! The art and colors are awesome and I really like the overall tone of it, kind of has that old-school feel but still keeps up with all the fiddle-faddle of the modern world.

I just finished issue 5 and I'm looking forward to how CIVIL WAR II affects the dynamic duo and what struggles they will face. Keep up the great work!

All the best,
Caylan
Berkshire, UK

Hey Caylan, I hope our wild CIVIL WAR II issues have tickled your fancy! Big events can be tricky to navigate, but I think David, Sanford, and Flaviano have been doing stellar work. Hopefully you do, too!

So you know those kinds of laughs you do when you see something absurd and suddenly you start to expel a bunch of air before your mouth can even open and you make a loud extended "Pfffffffffft," kinda like a fart noise? Well, that's exactly what happened when I read the words "Power-Fist Mobile" while riding the bus today. Oh, the looks I got from the other passengers...

Thanks for the public humiliation (and the great stories, too).

Lawrence Agozzino,
Montreal

Lawrence, I, as well as anyone on the subway standing next to me when I read SQUIRREL GIRL, am VERY familiar with that noise. Glad we could humiliate and entertain you!

Hey,

First time I've ever felt the need to write in to one of these letters things, but I just had to give the entire PM&IF team props! I love the art and the dialogue and the action and just everything! Coming on board on issue #1 I was skeptical because I had never been a big fan of either hero, but I decided to give it a try! Now I find myself going back and reading each of their bigger story arcs as your series as made me fall in love with the characters! Keep up the amazing work! As far as what I would like to see, I'd like to see some of the more mystical abilities Iron Fist has as that has always been unclear and interesting to me. I'd also like to see Luke Cage take on an A-list big bad and remind the rest of the Marvel Universe what a tank he is! Thanks for the incredible comic!

Sincerely,
James Brackett
Missouri, U.S.A.

Hey James, there's definitely some mojo brewing on both of those fronts, so stay tuned! And I hope you're liking some of those classic PM&IF stories, there's a lot of gold in them there comics!

Thank you for tackling police brutality and for showing Danny, the white guy, having compassion for a black man. United we stand. From a black guy who has been reading Marvel comics for 30 years and never felt the need to write before: we need to see more unity and less division in times like these.

Kev the Poet

Thanks for the letter, Kev. David has a lot to say with this book, but that message of unity and taking care of each other is first and foremost. It's elemental to what POWER MAN AND IRON FIST is, and while it's not always easy, and certainly won't be for our heroes, it's something to which we should all aspire.

And thanks to all of you for writing in, keep those letters coming. There's going to be a lot more crazy CIVIL WAR II action next issue, when the fight comes to Luke and Danny, whether they want it or not! See you next month!

Stay Weird!

-Jake T.

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